

spearheaded the environmental sustainability program at Crescent Montessori School in Sonoma, implementing several low-cost, regenerative gardening projects.

Joseph mentored incoming freshmen students at Sonoma Valley High through the school's Link Crew Program, offering them advice, resources, emotional support, and academic support. He also volunteered through the Interact Club, the socio-civic nonprofit organization La Luz, First Baptist Church of Sonoma, Food for the Hungry, Sonoma Valley High's Wildlife Club, Skiing for Change, and Operation Christmas Child.

Joseph is currently a freshman at the University of California, Berkeley, College of Engineering, where he studies environmental engineering. He is a member of the UC Berkeley Biofuels Technology Club and serves in various roles within the club, such as Club Officer, Scale-Up Team Lead, and Head of Fuel Production. Joseph is integral in the club's work on producing biodiesel from local restaurants cooking oil with the goal of eventually fueling campus and student vehicles with renewable fuel. He is currently leading the gardening and environmental program at the Crescent Montessori School of Sonoma, which teaches young children about sustainable gardening.

Madam Speaker, it is evident that Joseph Silvi has dedicated his life to combating the climate crisis in our communities. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

IN HONOR OF MIKE CLAFLIN

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Ms. KUSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mike Clafin on the occasion of his retirement as Executive Director of Affordable Housing Education & Development Education (AHEAD).

Mike has long been at the forefront of constructing affordable housing in New Hampshire's North Country. It has been an honor to work alongside Mike and his team to see so many impactful projects come to fruition, like the Friendship House and Lloyd's Hills Apartments in Bethlehem. Mike's leadership and advocacy have delivered more options for those suffering from substance abuse disorders as well as countless new housing opportunities for working families to a region that needs our steadfast support now more than ever before.

I commend Mike on his retirement after nearly a decade with AHEAD and on his unwavering dedication and commitment to our North Country. On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's Second Congressional District, I thank Mike for his many years of service, and for being a part of what makes the Granite State so great. I am honored to recognize and congratulate Mike on his retirement and wish him the best of luck in the years ahead.

HONORING LOUISE CALLOWAY

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Louise Calloway, Founder and Curator of the Underground Railroad Museum in Burlington County, and a beloved member of our community.

Ms. Calloway has committed her life to serving others. Prior to founding the Underground Railroad Museum, she dedicated 50 years to a career in social work and taught college courses in Africa. At a young age, preserving Black history became a passion that's grown into much more. A history buff at 9 years old, she would make scrapbooks using article clippings of African Americans who contributed to our local community.

Despite her first museum closing in 2013, Ms. Calloway worked with local groups to reopen the Underground Railroad Museum in Smithville, New Jersey as part of the Burlington County Parks System. The museum offers its visitors a visual experience of the Underground Railroad, highlighting the role free African Americans and Quakers played at 16 different locations across Burlington County in helping escaped slaves travel to freedom. She hopes that visitors will leave the museum with a greater understanding of mankind, our capacity to be both cruel and kind, and that while we may have different skin colors, we all belong to one human race.

I am proud of the role New Jersey and Burlington County have played in preserving and uplifting Black History. By focusing on the stories of individuals like William Allinson, who operated Wheatley's Pharmacy in Burlington City, New Jersey as a station on the Underground Railroad, future generations will be able to have a connection to the past. Ms. Calloway's remarkable contributions to our community personify Burlington County's slogan, "The Cradle of Emancipation".

In addition to sharing history, Ms. Calloway volunteers at numerous community charities and organizations, including the Bethlehem African Methodist Episcopal church of Burlington. In 2011, she was recognized by the New Jersey Conference of the NAACP for her lifetime work as an educator with the Distinguished Educators Award.

I am grateful to Ms. Calloway for her contributions to our community, and I know I speak on behalf of my constituents when I say her dedication and service are appreciated.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF MRS. KATHRYN MCINNIS

HON. NEAL P. DUNN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Mr. DUNN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Kathryn McInnis of Old Town, Florida.

Mrs. McInnis is a pillar in her community and a role model for many. A member of multiple advisory boards, she has dedicated her life to serving and improving the lives of oth-

ers. Mrs. McInnis is especially dedicated to our youth. She knows firsthand the challenges presented in rural communities and has been an advocate and mentor to every student she has encountered.

She is an active member with the Dixie County Education Foundation and has also served on the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council. For more than two decades, she has served on the Florida Gateway College Board of Trustees. Earlier this month, Florida Gateway College dedicated a building in her honor so that her impact will be remembered for years to come.

Mrs. McInnis' heart for serving others is unmatched, and her energetic spirit is infectious. I want to personally thank this incredible woman for her contribution to Dixie County and Florida's Second Congressional District as a whole.

HONORING JOHN MUIR LAND TRUST

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the John Muir Land Trust, whom I have named the 5th Congressional District's 2022 Climate Crisis Champion for their inspiring leadership in combatting the climate crisis currently gripping our communities.

John Muir Land Trust was founded in 1989 by residents of Martinez to protect the Alhambra Valley Open Space known as Stonehurst. Since then, the organization has permanently protected over 3,500 acres of natural space to be used for passive recreation, wildlife habitat, clean drinking water protection, and scenic views. The organization's guiding principle is that natural, open spaces are essential to the health of our earth, air, water, plants, animals, and all of us.

The organization has taken on many large-scale environmental projects in the area, such as the addition of Mount Wanda to the John Muir National Historical Site, stewardship of the Contra Costa Goldfields preserve, the acquisition of Almond Ranch, the merging of Franklin Canyon into Fernandez Ranch, the public opening of Acalanes Ridge, the campaign to save Carr Ranch and the permanent protection of Painted Rock.

Currently, the organization has partnered with the Contra Costa County Flood Control District and the East Bay Regional Park District to restore the wildlife habitat and wetland activity of Pacheco Marsh in Martinez. Pacheco Marsh is home to ten special-status plant and animal species that require protected land to ensure the continued survival of their species. The marsh is planned to become a refuge for migrating birds, spawning fish, and the threatened salt-marsh harvest mouse. The site will include 2.4 miles of walking trails, elevated vistas, bird blinds, kayak launches, interpretive signs, and an environmental educational facility.

Madam Speaker, it is evident that John Muir Land Trust has dedicated its work to combating the climate crisis in our communities for the last 30 years. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor the organization and its staff here today.

TRIBUTE TO HATTIE DANIELS
RUSH**HON. GWEN MOORE**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of Commissioner Hattie Daniels Rush, an innovator, entrepreneur, business consultant and former White House appointed Commissioner to the Commission on Presidential Scholars. It saddens me to say that this amazing community leader passed away on April 17, 2022.

Commissioner Rush started her journey as a trailblazer when she was just a child. She was one of the first African American children to attend 35th Street School and began to desegregate the Milwaukee Public School System. She did encounter racism and learned to confront and mediate such situations. The early lessons she experienced as a child helped mold her into the strong and inspirational woman she became as an adult.

Commissioner Rush was a graduate of the HBCU Lincoln University in Jefferson City,

Missouri. She always understood the importance of education. Commissioner Rush committed her life to public service, serving as a cheerful educator and licensed family therapist in the City of Milwaukee for many years. She also had a deep commitment to her faith in God and served in many roles with her church, Holy Redeemer. Her combination of skill sets from being a trained teacher and her work with the church put her in the perfect position to help Holy Redeemer open the first African American Christian school in the city, Holy Redeemer Christian Academy, where she served as the school's Program Director. Under the leadership of Commissioner Rush, the Holy Redeemer campus expanded to five separate schools and a range of social service institutions providing impoverished children with educational opportunities across Milwaukee.

One of her greatest contributions to this community was to cultivate the minds of young Black people by teaching them how to break down barriers and obstacles to achieving their goals. President Bush was so impressed with Commissioner Rush's work that he offered her a position in his administration. Commissioner Rush accepted a part-time appointment to the Commission on Presidential

Scholars so she could continue her work as the Program Director for Holy Redeemer Schools.

Hattie Daniels Rush has been my friend since kindergarten and a close friend of my family. My sister Brenda and I often debated who Hattie was most fond of and I had the privilege of visiting her before her transition. Hattie had a true loving and giving spirit; she accepted people as they were and encouraged them to be the best they could be. I count it all joy to have celebrated 65 years of friendship with Hattie Daniels Rush. I will truly miss her, and the people of the 4th Congressional District and the State of Wisconsin will miss this incredible woman.

She leaves behind her beloved husband and daughter, Robert Rush and Ericka Rush, siblings that include Attorney John Daniels, Bishop Sedgwick Daniels, Valerie Daniels-Carter and a host of other relatives and friends to celebrate her life and enormous legacy of strength and determination.

Madam Speaker, for these reasons, I am honored to pay tribute to Commissioner Hattie Daniels Rush. She has helped transform the lives of so many people. May she rest in peace.